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of quinine at suitable intervals. The same practice is insisted upon in the public services whose corps are exposed to paludal influences. It is also proposed to make a gratuitous distribution of quinine among indigent persons living in dangerous districts. The idea, aside from the personal benefit to the afflicted individuals, has a wider scope in public hygiene. Any measure calculated to restore to health persons in whose blood malarial organisms exist, or to prevent healthy persons from becoming affected, diminishes the chances of mosquitoes renewing the infection. Thus the spread of malaria is in a degree checked. The public control of quinine, aside from assuring freedom from adulteration and giving public sanction to the use of the drug, is likely to be a considerable source of revenue, because of the fact that in many parts of Italy, quinine is as great a necessity as its proposed commercial associate salt, and quite as much in habitual use as tobacco.

Respectfully,

J. M. EAGER,

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The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

JAPAN.

Report from Yokohama.

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, *January 27, 1902.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith an abstract of the bills of health issued at this port for the week ended January 25, 1902. There were 4 vessels inspected with 314 crew, 33 cabin, and 262 steerage passengers. Of the steerage passengers 186 were bathed and their baggage was disinfected. No quarantinable disease has been reported during the week.

Respectfully,

J. SPENCER HOUGH,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

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MEXICO.

Report from Vera Cruz.

VERA CRUZ, MEXICO, *February 9, 1902.*

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report for the week ended February 8, 1902:

From all causes there were reported 40 deaths, 4 of which were from yellow fever. Four cases of yellow fever were reported for the same period. Two deaths were reported from pernicious fever and 6 from tuberculosis.

Respectfully,

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